

Sol Smith's Curse.
Sol Smith's brother Lemuel, a young actor, was killed in Augusta, Ga. His murderer, Flournoy, was acquitted by the jury on the plea that the killing might be classed as the result of a duel. After hearing the verdict, Sol Smith said to the homicide:
"Before God and man I charge you with murdering my brother! The sleep of the innocent will never more be yours. You are a murderer, and will ever more carry the mark of homicide upon your brow. From this time forth in this world you will never sleep again."
Two years later Sol was accosted by an abject-looking wretch, who stood before him in an attitude of supplication. It was Wm. Flournoy. "Why do you follow me?" said Sol.
"Because I want you to shoot me—right here."
"No it is not for me to punish you," was the reply.
"It is not punishment I ask you to inflict—that I have received already, in full measure; it is vengeance I ask you to take, for your brother's murder upon his murderer. I cannot be saved to plague myself I commit. I die in self-defense, but know better now. I am a murderer, you said I would never sleep more, and I never have. I have closed my eyes at night as usual, have stepped my senses in brainy until unconsciousness came, but that blessed sleep you drove away has never returned to me for one moment. My life is a burden to me. Take it. Let me die by your hand, and then I may feel your brother may forgive me. I will die to-night!" he said impressively, as Sol turned away and left him.
The next morning Flournoy's body was found at his country place. It was riddled by bullets and scalped. An Indian war had just broken out, and he had been the first victim.—*Sunny South.*

Rules of Table Etiquette.
Do not keep others waiting for you either at the beginning or the close of a meal. Don't sip soup from the tip but from the side of a spoon. Be careful not to spill or drop anything on the tablecloth. Keep your plate clean; do not heap all sorts of food on it at once. In passing your plate to be refilled retain your knife and fork. When asked for a dish, do not shove but hand it. While drinking, do not look around. Instruct the servant to hand the cup at the left side, so that it may be received with the right hand. Do not drink your tea or coffee without first removing the teaspoon from the cup to the saucer. Use the knife for cutting only; never put it to the lips or mouth. Break your bread into small pieces and rest them on your plate while spreading. Do not eat too fast; besides giving one the appearance of greed, it is not healthy. If you find anything unpleasant in your food, put it aside as quietly as possible, without drawing the attention of others to it. Do not open the lips or make any unnecessary noise in chewing. Do not touch the head. Do not rest the elbows on the table. Be thoughtful of and attentive to the wants of those about you. Converse on pleasant subjects with those sitting near you. Do not say anything not intended for all present to hear. Leave your plate with the knife and fork parallel, the handles pointing to the right. Never leave the table before others, without asking the lady or gentleman who presides to excuse you.

Attend to Business.
Nothing but ultimate ruin stares that man in the face who does not pay personal attention to all the most minute details of the farm. There are a thousand small leaks about an ordinary farm, that if not closely attended to will surely bring the most hardworking farmer to ruin and bankruptcy. Nine-tenths of the sinking farmers can attribute their present distress to no other cause than a lack of close attention to the small details of the farm; a closer supervision of machinery and tools, the stock and their feed, a place for everything in its place. No one is as much interested in attending to these details as the boss.—Such a course will in a few months, or a year or two at most, enable many farmers who are now on the down grade to again begin to ascend. If heroically persevered in, will surely make headway against what now seems so hopeless. A fear of sunburnt hands and face, dirty clothes and boots, and a desire to have a reputation that he does not work on the farm, has been a fruitful source of loss to many farmers. A course of this kind once entered on will be hard to depart from.—*Farm and Fireside.*

A man's first difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes. So long as a man is struggling with obstacles, he has an excuse for failure or shortcoming; but when fortune removes them all, and gives him the power of doing as he thinks best, then comes the trial.

A man was killed by a circular saw, and in his obituary notice it was stated that he was a "good citizen, an upright man, and an ardent patriot, but of limited information in regard to circular saws."

The Soul's Progress.
The spirit or soul of man knows itself to be capable, I will not say of unlimited, but of continuous progress and development. However vigorous the tree or the animal may be, it soon reaches the point when it can grow no more. The animal may have done its best, it may have reached a high condition of strength and beauty, but when its limit is reached it can grow no more. With the soul of man a living and thinking power it is far otherwise—he has never exhausted himself. When the man of science has made some noble discovery, when the literary man has written a great book, when the statesman has carried a series of important measures, we cannot say that he has exhausted himself. The spiritual man is indeed dependent on the material man, and as the body moves on toward decay and dissolution it extends something of the influence of its weakness and incapacity to its spiritual companion; but even then the soul resists this and asserts its separate existence; the mind of man knows that each separate effort, instead of exhausting his powers, tends to strengthen them, and so he will go on continually making larger and nobler and more vigorous efforts. So, too, is it with conscience and duty; with these there is no finality. One great act suggests another, one sacrifice makes another easier; the virtuous impulse in the soul is not like the growth in a tree—a self-exhausting force—but it is always moving on, always advancing. "Be not weary in well-doing"—this is the language of the Eternal to the human will; but never is "Be not weary of growing" said to the tree or the animal, because organic matter differs from spirit in this; that it does reach the limit of its activity and then turns backward towards nonexistence.—*Canon Liddon.*

Saturday Night.
Saturday night makes people more human, and sets their hearts to beating softly, as they used to before the world turned them into war drums and jarred them to pieces with tattoos. The ledger closes with a crash, the iron-doored vaults come to with a bang, up go the shutters with a will, click. It is Saturday night, and business breathes free again. Homeward, ho! The door that has been ajar all the week gently closes behind him; the world is all shut out. Shut out? Shut in rather. Here are his treasures after all, and not in the vault and not in the book—save in the record of the old family Bible—and not in the bank. Maybe you are a bachelor, frosty and forty. Then, poor fellow, Saturday night is nothing to you, just as you are nothing to anybody. Get a wife, blue-eyed or black-eyed, but above all, true-eyed. Get a little home, no matter how little; a sofa, just two and a half, and then get two and a half in it of a Saturday night, and then read this paragraph by the light of your wife's eyes, and thank God and take courage.

Children have curious ideas about many things. One day last summer a minister was seated in his study writing, and his little three year old daughter playing near a hall storm came up and he said to the child, "Ida, go out on the porch and see what funny rain is falling." She ran out and soon came back with both little hands full of the hail and exclaimed, "Oh! pa, look! look! God's ice-house has busted." Another three year old girl, whose home is in the sunny south, awoke one morning after a long railroad ride, to find herself in Indiana and the ground white with snow, which she had never seen before, and in great excitement called to her nurse, "Oh! see Biddie! there is milk all over the ground!"

Young man! Thy mother is thy best earthly friend. The world may forget thee—thy mother never; the world may willfully do thee wrongs—thy mother never; the world may persecute thee while living, and when dead, plant the ivy and the nightshade of slander upon thy grassless grave, but thy mother will love and cherish thee while living, and if she survives thee, will weep for thee when dead such tears as none but a mother knows how to weep.

The following from an exchange hits the nail on the head: "Intelligence means thrift, honesty and rational enjoyment. Ignorance means vice, poverty, crime, wretchedness. Money spent educating the people will save ten-fold the expense in jails, almshouses and criminal courts. It is the duty of everyone to encourage education in every possible way."

A young girl asked her mother's consent to engage herself to her bean, showing her at the same time a piece of her own handiwork, a pretty match-safe. Her mother drew down her spectacles and exclaimed: "Marry, you can make a match-safe, but I have my doubts whether you would make a safe match." Mary sighed involuntarily, and sought consolation in singing "The Heart Bowed Down."

Don't linger "where your love lies dreaming." Wake her up and tell her to get the breakfast.

"How did you know her?" asked a mother of her little girl, as she saw her bidding good bye to a poorly dressed child in the church door. "Why you see mamma, she came into the Sunday School alone; and I made a place for her on my seat, and I smiled, and she smiled and then we were acquainted."

Before beginning the second psalm of the day, a Glasgow minister reached down into his pocket and took a pinch of snuff. Even yet he can not understand what there was in the first verse of the psalm to make the congregation smile when he read, "My soul cleaveth to the dust."

As two ladies were walking along the street, one exclaimed, as the sky suddenly darkened: "There's a thunderstorm coming on. I'm so afraid of lightning!" To which the other calmly replied: "Very well my dear; then let us step into this car, which seems to have a good conductor."

At a festival of lawyers and editors, a lawyer gave a toast: "The editor—he always obeys the calls of the devil." An editor responded: "The editor and the lawyer—the devil is satisfied with the copy of the former, but requires the original of the latter."

Little Johnnie ran into the house the other day while the mercury was hugging "95," with the perspiration steaming from every pore, and shouted, "Mamma! mamma! fix me; I'm leaking all over!"—*Cincinnati Breakfast Table.*

A ventriloquist fell overboard in Lake Erie the other day, and was drowned. When the cry of "Help! help!" came from under the bulwarks, the deck hands said "he couldn't fool them," and went on with their work.

Say nothing respecting yourself, either good, bad or indifferent, nothing good, for that is vanity; nothing bad, for that is affectation; nothing indifferent, for that is silly.

A celebrated philosopher used to say, "The favors of fortune are like steep rocks—only eagles and creeping things mount to the summit."

The individual who called tight boots comfortable, defended his position by saying they made a man forget all his other miseries.

Live on what you have; live if you can on less; do not borrow either, for vanity will end in shame and the pleasure in regret.

Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency with tranquillity of mind.

The Germans have this good proverb: That thieves never enrich; alms never impoverish; nor prayers hinder any work.

The evil which we do does not draw upon us so many persecutions and so much hatred as our good qualities.

The young man who took a seat near the object of his adoration exclaimed, "This is juxtaposition that suits me!"

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